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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ward  
Serial No.: 10/768,263  
Filing Date: January 30, 2004  
Title: Mechanically Sealed Adjustable Gas  
Nozzle

Examiner: Christopher Kim  
Group A.U.: 3752

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Office Action dated November 1, 2005. Amendments to the specification and claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked \*\*\* **VERSION SHOWING CHANGES**  
**MADE \*\*\*.**



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